WBSEB Selling Power to APSEB

825. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "NTPC accuses WBSEB of selling power to Andhra at higher rate appearing in the Business Age dated January 30, 1997;

(b) whether NTPC have sought the intervention of the Union Government in the matter; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken to resolve the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) With the approval of the Government, NTPC has started supplying 150 MW of Power to APSEB with effect from 20th February, 1997. A Power Purchase Agreement in this regard has also been signed between NTPC and APSEB on 20th February, 1997 setting out the terms and conditions for such supply.

[Translation]

Pending Complaints

826. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the complaints pending with the North Avenue and MS Flat Service Centres of CPWD in Delhi;

(b) whether the Members of Parliament have made complaints against the staff of the said centres that they are not maintaining the quarters properly;

(c) if so, the details in this regard during the last three years;

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard and the officers and the staff who have been penalised as a result thereof;

(e) whether the officers posted here are working since a long time;

(f) if so, whether Government propose to transfer them; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) The C P W D has reported that there is no complaint pending for more than 72 hours in North Avenue and MS Flats Service Centre of CPWD, New Delhi. The present position of pending complaints as on 17.2.97 is as under:

(i)	Complaints pending for more than 72 hours	Nil
(ii)	Complaints pending for more than 48 hours	4
(iii)	Complaints pending for more than 24 hours.	9

(b) No specific complaint against any member of staff of the said Service Centres have been received from the MPs;

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of the reply to part (b) above;

(e) The dates from which the officers have been working in the Service Centre are given in the Statement annexed herewith;

(f) and (g) The rotational transfers are effected periodically in accordance with the posting transfer guidelines, subject to exigencies of work.

Statement

Civil

S.No.	Name of the Officer	Designation	Date from which working
1	2	3	4
	S/Sh.		
1.	S.V.P. RAO	Executive Engineer	22.12.93
2.	S.K. Jain	Assistant Engineer	13.03.91
3.	Sajal Mitra	-do-	17.09.93
4.	S.K. Jolly	-do-	16.12.96
5.	Suresh Kumar	Junior Engineer	01.11.93
6.	S.K. Jindal	-do-	07.11.96

1	2	3	4
7.	T. Bandopadhya	-do-	27.11.93
8.	Munne Lal	-do-	12.07.93
9.	K.P. Yadav	-do-	17.09.96
10.	S.K. Rohilla	-do-	17.06.96
11.	Raj Paul	-do-	16.04.94
12.	Vipin Kumar	-do-	09.11.93
		ELECTRICAL	
1.	Sh. P.K. Sharma	Junior Engineer (E)	03.06.96
2.	Sh. V.P. Gupta	-do-	10.03.89
3.	Sh. Kulbhushan Gera	-do-	20.07.93
4.	Sh. S.K. Sahni	Assistant Engineer	27.11.93
5.	Sh. S.L. Narasimhan	Executive Engineer(E)	09.10.95

[English]

World Bank Aid for Development of Towns

827. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:
SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR KHANDELWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified some towns in the country for development with the World Bank aid;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the funds proposed for the development of such towns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) to (c) No towns in the country have been identified for development with World Bank Aid. However, a proposal of the Government of Maharashtra for setting up of a financial intermediary for financing Mumbai Urban Infrastructure Projects has been posed to the World Bank. Also, the International Development Association (IDA) offered a credit of SDR 177 million (effective from 27.6.94) for the reconstruction work in Latur and Osmanabad districts under the Maharashtra Emergency Earthquake Rehabilitation Programme (MEERP) undertaken by Government of Maharashtra.

[Translation]

Bombay High

828. SHRI KASHI RAM RANA:
SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M. KANODIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for digging wells in the oilfields under the Bombay High during 1995-96 and the number of oil wells which could not be dug;

(b) the reasons for not digging the wells as per the targets;

(c) whether the Government propose to fix responsibility and punish the officers for not achieving the target; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) As against the drilling target of 148911 meterage and 84 wells, 154480 M and 76 wells were drilled during 1995-96. The short-fall in achievement of drilling target of wells was due to the deeper average depth of wells drilled.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

[English]

Generation of Power

829. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:
SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is facing acute shortage of power and several southern and northern states are reeling under the darkness;

(b) the growth rate of power generation during the fiscal year 1995-96 and the period April-December, 1996;

(c) the reasons for the sharp decline in power generation;